

FRANCE.

The Orleans Princes Take Their Seats in the Assembly.

Plan of Sale of the Crown Jewels—State Prisoners Invaluable—Academic Consequences of the German Occupation.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PARIS, Dec. 19, 1911. The Duke d'Anjou and Prince de Joinville took their seats in the National Assembly to-day. They sat in the center of the members of the Right. Their appearance caused no sensation in the body.

THE CROWN JEWELS.

The French government refuses to sell the crown jewels to private parties.

POLITICAL CONVICTS AND PRISON DISCIPLINE. The prisoners Billiard, Rastoul and Henri Rochefort, now undergoing confinement in Fort Brissard, in pursuance of the sentence of the court martial, are sick in the infirmary at that fortification.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislative Assembly providing for the release of the Communist prisoners who held no rank, military or otherwise, in the insurrectionary forces.

COLLEGIATE REPUTATION OF FRENCHMAN RULE. The number of students in the College of Metz has diminished from 500 to three persons since the German occupation of the city, and in the college at Colmar the number has been reduced from 400 to 30, of whom 4 are Germans.

ENGLAND.

Queen Victoria to Remain at Windsor for the Holidays—The Erie Railroad Management Reviewed by the Stockholders—The British Columbia Boundary Arbitration.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Dec. 19, 1911. The Queen will remain at Windsor during the holidays, instead of going to Osborne, as was at first proposed.

The Erie Railroad Management.

A meeting of the Erie Railroad stockholders' Protective Society was held to-day.

Mr. Raphael, president, and in the course of some remarks said: "The present Erie organization can not survive the fall of the twin monster, the Tammany Ring. An avowed object of the republican Legislature of New York is to break up the present management of the Erie Railroad."

Mr. Raphael warned the stockholders against making any compromise whatever with Fisk and Gould.

The Northwestern Boundary Arbitration, 1881. A special dispatch to the *Revue* from Berlin says that Minister Bismarck yesterday delivered to the Emperor of Germany, who had accepted the arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, the memorandum of the American government with regard to the Northwestern Boundary question.

THE COTTON SUPPLY. Five hundred and forty-seven bales of American cotton have been landed at Liverpool by steamship from New York.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' HEALTH.

Satisfactory Progress of the Patient's Convalescence—The Duke of Edinburgh's Visit.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Dec. 19, 1911. The Prince of Wales continues to make satisfactory progress.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who left last week as soon as the Prince was declared out of danger, will return to Sandringham on Saturday.

The Evening Report Hopeful. LONDON, Dec. 19, 1911. The progress of the Prince of Wales toward recovery is in all respects satisfactory.

PORTUGAL.

Artisan Emigration to America and Cabinet Alarm.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Dec. 19, 1911. The press of the city shows much anxiety over the largely increased emigration of workmen to the United States, and recommends remedial measures.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

The International Entente—Imperial Russian Honors to Distinguished Prussians.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19, 1911. A number of distinguished Prussians who have been visiting this city were to-day escorted to the railway station upon the occasion of their return home, by the Emperor Alexander, the Grand Duke Constantine and the princes of the imperial house, all of whom, as a compliment to their guests, were dressed in full Prussian uniform.

The Russian Academy of Sciences has elected General Von Moltke an honorary member.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

The Great Transit Route for Sale—Turkey and Egypt Refuse to Purchase.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Dec. 19, 1911. The Suez Canal and the Khedive of Egypt have refused to purchase the canal, and M. de Lesseps is now applying to other governments to effect a sale.

CUBA.

The Funeral of the Baritone Gasser—Arrival of a Spanish Frigate.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

HAVANA, Dec. 19, 1911. Mr. Edouard Gasser, the baritone, was buried with great pomp to-day. Tambores, the well known singer, made a feeling speech at the ceremony.

Arrived, iron-clad frigate *Arlequin*, from Spain. Exchange irregular. On London, 21½ a 22 per cent premium.

THE FLORIDA.

A United States Gunboat Protecting Her Against Spanish War Vessels.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 19, 1911. The steamship *Florida* sailed from St. Thomas on the 14th instant, under command of the United States gunboat *Shawmut*, Captain Rotter, to protect her from the threatened capture by Spanish men-of-war blockading her there.

MEXICO.

An American Protectorate Can Only Save the Country from Ruin.

CHAOS THROUGHOUT THE REPUBLIC.

The Juarez Government in Its Death Struggle.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 11. Via HAVANA, Dec. 19, 1911. Anarchy continues throughout Mexico, and the complications increase.

The States of San Luis and Guanajuato have pronounced in favor of Lerdo de Tejada.

Wherever a party attains power it acts in a despotic manner.

The attitude of General Diaz's army against the federalists is unchanged.

A column of the adherents of Diaz are marching on Orizaba, and General Alatorre's men are joining Diaz.

It is reported there is discord between Generals Alatorre and Rocha, and between both of them and the government.

The Juaristas are alarmed, as it is supposed the government cannot outlive the present month.

An American protectorate is seriously discussed. The road between the capital and Vera Cruz is in the hands of the Juaristas.

Foreigners consider the only salvation for the country will be in placing it under the American flag.

The First Revolutionary Movement in the State of Tamaulipas in Favor of Diaz.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19, 1911. Advice from Matamoros state that Major Vargas, chief of a small force at San Carlos, has pronounced and advanced on Burgos yesterday, 100 miles from here, and occupied the place without opposition.

This is the first revolutionary movement attempted in the State of Tamaulipas in favor of Diaz, and stimulates activity among the insurgent sympathizers here, who may commence hostilities in this vicinity at any moment.

CITY JUDGE BEDFORD.

A Slander Refuted—The Extra Pay of the Assistant District Attorneys—Judge Bedford Courts Investigation.

CITY JUDGE'S CHAMBER, 82 NASSAU STREET, Dec. 19, 1911. To THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:—

In the columns of your paper of December 19 I read an editorial headed "An Item for the Investigation of the Grand Jury," in which you say there was a claim of \$5,000 and that the Grand Jury awarded to me for legal services while Assistant District Attorney in the years 1885 to 1888. This is unquestionably true.

I will now detail all the facts and circumstances regarding the payment of this claim.

During my Assistant District Attorneyship Mr. Hall was District Attorney, and Mr. Robert C. Hutchings Assistant District Attorney.

While Mr. Hutchings and myself were Assistant District Attorneys he suggested to me that as all our time was devoted entirely to the duties of the office he thought that on that ground our salary should be increased, the salary being then a much lower sum than it is now—for the first two years and a half \$3,000, and for the balance of the time \$5,000, and I then and there, in the most expressed terms, refused to accept such a proposition.

Mr. Hutchings suggested, however, that if I desired that the Grand Jury should award me the sum of \$5,000, and my name was put on the list of the Grand Jury. The tax levied by the Legislature contained Mr. Hutchings' claim of \$5,000, and my name was put on the list of the Grand Jury.

Believing that my services, rendered while Assistant District Attorney, were at least fully equal to those rendered by Mr. Hutchings, at once upon his appointment, and also to Mr. Hall, who was then District Attorney.

Mr. Hutchings expressed regret and astonishment that the Legislature had not also recognized my claim for an increase of salary as it had his, and I then and there, in the most expressed terms, understood from Mr. Hutchings and Mr. Hall that they would see that my claim was duly presented to the Board of Supervisors. I then let the matter rest.

I finally understood from Mr. Hutchings that the claim had been presented to and passed by the Board of Supervisors, and that the money was paid. Shortly after this information I received the warrant for \$5,000, which I believed and do believe, under the circumstances, to be correct, and is a legal and legitimate payment, paid in full, and in a lawful manner. Feeling in my own heart and conscience that in this transaction I had done no wrong, and that the Grand Jury at once fully investigated this matter without fear or favor, believing that if they did so my honor will be promptly and speedily vindicated.

I furthermore say that on the 1st day of January, 1889, I entered the office of the District Attorney, and remained there until December 31, 1888, and that on January 1, 1889, I took the oath of office as City Judge of the City of New York, which position I have held ever since, and that my official life has been extended over a period of nearly seven years, and as this is the very first aspersion cast upon my official integrity, I now ask, does any one believe that a man, a person whose name is charged with an official wrong to come forward and lay it before the Grand Jury, and that the Grand Jury at once fully investigate this matter without fear or favor, believing that if they did so my honor will be promptly and speedily vindicated.

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THE SNOW STORM.

How the City Looked Yesterday With Its Mantle of Snow—Scenes, Sight, Incidents and Effect of the Storm Upon the Inhabitants Thereof.

Just when the city was busiest—just when the day had reached its noontide era, and men were rushing either to 'change, to business appointments or to lunch—there fell yesterday upon the sidewalks, silently, softly and slowly, the first snow of the season. The deep shower came so gently that men smiled at it as it rested upon them, fringing their beard and clothing with the pure white of winter's livery. A few flocks were

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